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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks**Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment**

The amendment filed on 08 October 2002 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting new claims 58-90, drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The new claims are not readable on the elected invention because the method steps of the new claims are different and distinct from the originally elected claims. Newly submitted claims 58-90 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following different and distinct steps of methodology: digestion and partitioning of one or more populations of nucleic acid molecules prior to library construction of each portioned population [see steps (b)-(d)], followed by the pooling of select specific fragments from the library, further partitioning, and mapping [see steps (e), (f) and (g)]; while the cancelled original claim 27 separates, isolates and constructs a library of a one set of nucleic acid molecules [see steps (b)-(d)]; followed by the recovery of non-specific nucleic acids, separation of a subset and isolation [see steps (e), (f) and (g)]. Therefore the method steps of the new claims have a different and distinct order of methodology than those of the cancelled original claims.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 58-90 have been withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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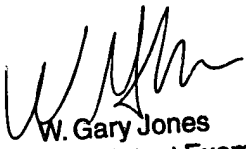
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